

INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL PRIORITIES

1. Conduct **baseline assessment** to inform public and private entities as it improves the state's ability to coordinate resources.
2. Develop a **Web-based information clearinghouse** for all existing invasive species information statewide.
3. Support **outreach campaign** on the damage caused by invasive species.
4. **Increase communication across all entities** to ensure coordinated approaches.
5. **Enhance capacity to respond** by access to emergency funding and interagency early detection and rapid response network.

ACTIONS UNDERWAY

1. Develop **list of highest threat species** for Council attention.
2. **Provide public access** to information for prevention, control, and response actions.
3. Enhance **Council's Web-page**.
4. Develop **emergency response** flow chart and network.
5. Inventory and identify gaps in authorities.
6. Apply all actions to Puget Sound Project.

WORKING GROUPS:

1. Species Action List
2. Baseline Assessment,
3. Information Clearinghouse;
4. Education and Outreach;
5. Communication Tools
6. Emergency Funding & EDRR

Areas for Possible Collaboration

PSP SCIENCE

Determine extent and impact of invasive species.

DATA

Integrate data collection and monitoring efforts.

WEBSITE

Improved links & shared information.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Joint targeted campaign on invasive species – economic and environmental impacts

POLICY/FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY

PUGET SOUND SCIENCE PANEL OBJECTIVES

1. Lead the enhanced analysis, integration, and interpretation of available information using the most advanced and rigorous tools, resulting in the best possible current understanding of the Puget Sound ecosystem.
2. Support targeted studies, especially those that add valuable information to ongoing restoration and assessment projects, to improve the understanding of the ecosystem and the effectiveness of actions.
3. Build the technical and institutional capacity to generate, analyze, and communicate information required to adaptively manage Puget Sound.
4. Establish the organizational structure and procedures necessary for an efficient, transparent, adaptable, and sustainable science-based Puget Sound restoration and protection program.

ACTIONS UNDERWAY

1. Analyze existing and evolving information. (2.1.5 Integrated ecosystem assessments addressing marine, nearshore & terrestrial endpoints; 2.1.5 Spatial analysis of status & threats/drivers for all action areas.)
2. Conduct targeted investigations. (2.2.3 Stressors affecting food web)
3. Create and enhance science program elements (3.1 Collaborative process modeling to develop further indicators, thresholds, & benchmarks; future analysis)

WORKING GROUPS:

1. Leadership Council
2. Modeling/ assessment workgroups
3. Implementation workgroups
4. Ecosystem Coordination Board
5. Puget Sound Assessment & Monitoring Program
6. ECO Net
7. Ballast Water Work Group
8. Aquatic Nuisance Species Committee
9. Western Region Pacific/Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force
10. PS/GB Cooperation